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Rev. Mr. Carmichael's Successful Meeting in Newberry County.

"J. C. N." in Associate Reformed Presbyterian: Rev. O. W. Carmichael of Lancaster, S. C., conducted a several days' meeting at Cannons Creek, embracing the first Sabbath of this month. We did not have as many accessions as we did a year ago, but when it is remembered that Rev. L. I. Echols was here a year ago and Rev. I. S. Caldwell working here for the past two years, there are but few people left in the community to get into the church. The best part of our recent meeting is that we have all been revived and taught to live brighter and better lives.

Bro. Carmichael is one of the finest young preachers that has ever hit Newberry county. He preaches plain and practical sermons without manuscript, his style and pulpit oratory resemble one of the late Dr. J. T. Chalmers.

Mr. Carmichael was raised in the White Oak, Georgia, congregation but his forefathers on three sides were closely related to some of the oldest families of Newberry, some of which are the Fairs, Browns, Hunters, Moores and Bowers.

We bespeak a bright future for this wonderful young man of God.

Alabamian Found His Wife a Corpse in Asheville Hotel.

Asheville, N. C., special in Charlotte Observer: When Mr. R. J. Abrahams, of Huntsville, Ala., mounted the stairs, two steps at a time, to the second floor of the Hotel Berkeley this morning about 7 o'clock immediately upon his arrival here after several hours of weary travel, it was with light heart and smiling countenance over expectancy of fond greeting from his wife, who had been in Asheville for the past two or three weeks. When, however, after inserting the key to the lock, obtained from the hotel office, and pushing open the door he was horrified to find his wife lying in the middle of the floor dead with a bullet wound in her temple. Mrs. Abrahams, despondent from long ill health and seeing that she was a burden, had suicided during the night.

Another Account of the Bailey-Everall Nuptials.

Mr. Editor: A quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. J. R. Everall on the 9th instant, when his loving sister, Miss Elsie Everall, was given in holy wedlock to Mr. Charlie Bailey, son of Mr. W. J. Bailey. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Brown.

The attendants were as follows: First came Mr. Dock Bailey, brother of the groom, with J. W. Vick, cousin of the bride; then came P. F. Bailey with Mrs. Lewis Dabney, sister of the groom; then came S. B. Blackmon, cousin of the groom, with Miss Lucy Everall, sister of the bride; then came P. L. Robertson with Mrs. Addie Beckham, cousin of the bride; then came D. J. Garriss with Miss Eula Evans, cousin of the bride.

A grand and bountiful reception was given them at the home of the bride, and also one at the home of W. J. Bailey, father of the groom. An Attendant.

Shocking Death of Virginian at Spencer, N. C.

Spencer special in Charlotte Observer: Robert Sanders, aged 25 years, of Danville, Va., was killed on the Spencer yards of the Southern Railway today by falling from the top of a water tower eighty feet to the ground. With other workmen he was engaged in repairing the tower when, it is said, a piece of the frame gave way, causing Sanders to lose his balance. In falling he struck his chest across an iron beam at the base of the tower. Both arms and both legs were broken, his chest and head crushed in, besides being mashed almost into a jelly. To the astonishment of several physicians in attendance Sanders lived more than an hour after the accident, but died before reaching a hospital to which he was being carried.

Retirement of "Fighting Bob"

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Far from grim warships and the sea, where he spent nearly half a century in the service of his country, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, of the United States navy, who is at this quiet mountain hotel, reached the age limit of 62 years today and passed from the ranks of the country's active sea fighters. Here where fourteen peace conferences have assembled sending forth to the world appeals that arms be laid down, one of the world's greatest naval commanders laid down his arms, probably never again to take them up in the defense of the country he has served so well. His has been the longest service, but two years short of half a century, of any man who has reached the office of rear admiral in the United States navy.

Pleasant Hill Items.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Beckham visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nisbet of Jacksonham section the past week.

Miss Hennie Mobley of Jonesville, who has been visiting relatives and friends of this place, returned home Thursday last. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson as far as Columbia.

Mrs. W. A. Beckham of Rock Hill is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Beckham of this place.

The people of the A. R. P. church have purchased lumber for finishing ceiling the church. They will commence work soon.

Cotton is opening fast in this section.

A fine rain fell throughout this section Wednesday last.

Mr. Ira Caskey of Gills Creek and Miss Stokes of Athens, Georgia, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Caskey this week.

Pleasant Hill, Aug. 20.

Another Model Farmer in this Vicinity.

A subscriber to The News sends us the following: Why don't you all farm like D. P. Baker on Leroy Springs's Foster Farm? He has 120 acres in cotton which it is estimated will yield 100 bales. Used 300 lbs guano per acre. He has 30 acres in corn which promises to make 1000 bushels. He used 200 lbs guano per acre on the corn. You all will learn something about farming if you will watch "D. P." on his farm. He plows deep in the ground all the year round.

LANCASTER'S RED LETTER DAY.

The Big Auction Sale of Suburban Lots Wednesday--Lancasterians Demonstrate their Faith in the Town's Promising Future.

As predicted by The News, the auction sale of suburban lots here Wednesday, conducted by Broker J. Edgar Poag, of Rock Hill, proved to be the biggest thing of the kind within the history of Lancaster. And it is destined to have an important bearing on the town's future, for it has been the experience of other communities having similar sales that a new impetus was given to material development, followed by a marked enhancement in real estate values.

Wednesday's big sale was held in the Catholic grove and was attended by several hundred persons, many being present from neighboring counties. The pleasing faces of a hundred or more ladies—an unusual but welcome sight at a land sale—added grace and charm to the occasion. The auctioneer was Mr. B. W. Getsinger, a man who thoroughly understands his business. He was assisted by Mr. W. P. Stogner, Lancaster's well known and efficient crier. A good brass band dispensed lively airs at intervals during the sale, which lasted for several hours. Refreshments were served by the ladies, for the benefit of one of the churches, at midday.

The property sold was 51 acres of Messrs Gregory and Ferguson's valuable farm east of town, which had been cut up into about 250 lots, facing on streets or alleys, as heretofore described in The News, every lot being sold and at good price. The figures ranged all the way from \$12.50 to \$117.50 per lot, the average size of a lot being about one-fifth of an acre. The total sales amounted to about \$8,000. A number of prizes, suit cases, parasols, hats, etc., were given with many lots. Two lots were given away, being drawn for by numbers. The holders of the winning tickets were Miss Leila Gregory and Mr. T. M. Belk.

Among the purchasers were business and professional men and prominent farmers—all of whom showed a just appreciation of the value of Lancaster dirt and full confidence in the town's bright and promising future. While all the lots brought fair prices for the original owners, they are undoubtedly cheap at the figures at which they were knocked down. Every purchaser got a bargain. Within 24 hours after the sale some of the lots changed owners at an advance of from 25 to 50 per cent on the original price—and the advance in value is going to continue. A number of the purchasers are going to build residences on their lots at an early day.

Just watch Lancaster grow!

There was a sharp break in cotton futures Thursday, October options declining about \$2.50 a bale. Spots also declined.

Millie Belk, mother of Lee Hough, a well known colored farmer of this county, died Thursday, aged, it is said, 120 years.

Newsy Items from R. F. D. No. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crenshaw, of Elberton, Ga., have returned home after a week's visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crenshaw.

Miss Louise Huey, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. A. Huey, entertained a number of her friends at the home of her parents on Monday evening last, complimentary to her guests, Misses Aznee and Mary Huey of Rock Hill. The occasion was a very enjoyable one to all those present.

We are glad to note some little improvement in the condition of Miss Minnie Caskey, who has been critically ill with fever, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Caskey.

The many friends of Miss Sudie Craig will be glad to hear that she has recovered from her recent illness.

Misses Aline and Adelaide Nelson have been spending some time with relatives at Sanford and High Point, N. C.

Quite a number of young people of the community were highly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crenshaw on last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Irene Graham of Gills Creek has been spending some time in Unity, taking music under Mrs. C. S. Young. Among others of the class are Misses Martha and Sallie Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Nisbet, of Waxhaw, formerly of this county, are rejoicing over the arrival of twins at their home on the 7th inst.

Suicide of Young N. C. Farmer.

Tarboro special in The Observer: William Alton Christenberry, a young farmer, committed suicide last night at the home of W. F. Thorne, near here, by swallowing an ounce of iodine and then shooting himself in the temple with a 38-calibre revolver. He had been despondent for some time and left a note to his sweetheart telling of his intentions. No reason was given for the deed. He told friends last night before retiring that it was his last night in this world, but they thought he was joking.

Death of Mrs. Nancy Starnes.

Mrs. Nancy Starnes, an aged lady of the mill village, died Thursday, of paralysis, at the home of her daughter, Miss Susie Starnes. She was the widow of Ephriam Starnes and was 84 years old. She leaves the following children: Mr. Robert Starnes, Mrs. George Craig, Mrs. Thomas Estridge and Miss Susie Starnes. The remains were buried yesterday in West Side cemetery.

Organization of Pine Grove Union.

The Pine Grove Farmers' Union was organized on the 18th instant at Unity school house, by Organizer J. F. Nisbet. The following officers were elected:

President, G. W. Williams; vice president, A. C. McDow; secretary J. M. Stewart; chaplain, J. F. Helms; conductor, J. T. Nelson; doorkeeper, J. C. Belk; assistant doorkeeper, R. M. Steele.

Lightning struck Mr. Lee Yandle's dwelling, in Vance township, last Tuesday afternoon and stunned Mr. Yandle and his wife and son and also Mr. Thomas Yandle, who was visiting there. Monroe Enquirer.

Five Perish in Destruction by Fire of Farmer's Home.

Marshall, N. C., special in Charlotte Observer: Two women and three children were burned to death last night when the home of Mr. Wofford Tweed, a farmer living at Laurel, about fifteen miles from here, was destroyed by fire. The dead are: Mrs. Wofford Tweed, Mrs. Murray Tweed and three children of Wofford Tweed. No details as to the terrible tragedy have been received here, but the fire is thought have been of incendiary origin. Mr. Tweed was here attending court and left at once for his home.

Campaign Slander Nailed.

Columbia, Aug., 19.—The letter of Mr. R. G. Rhett to President Roosevelt in regard to the appointment of Crum, referred to in the campaign as containing expressions sympathetic with the Republican party, has been submitted to Gen. W. L. Jones, State Democratic Chairman, who has given a statement saying that he found no such sentiments therein. The private letter book of Mr. Rhett from October, 1902, to January, 1908, have been submitted to two distinguished lawyers of Charleston, Messrs. H. A. M. Smith and James Simons, who state that they find therein only this one letter from Mr. Rhett to the President and who agree with Gen. Jones in his statement, saying further that on account of certain personal references to a lady who was affected by the Crum appointment, Mr. Rhett is correct in his refusal to publish the letter.

Lancaster's First Bale of New Cotton.

The first bale of new cotton marketed here this season was brought to town Wednesday by Mr. Roy Cunningham, the well known and successful young farmer of this vicinity, son of Mr. W. J. Cunningham, and manager of his father's model plantation west of Lancaster. The bale weighed 540 pounds and brought 11½ cents, the Lancaster Mercantile company being the purchaser.

Camden received her first bale Monday, for which only 10 cents was paid. It weighed 512 pounds and was raised by Sim Davis, a colored farmer in the Boykin section.

Chester's first bale was received Tuesday and brought 10½ cts. It was raised by Mr. J. G. L. White and weighed 575 pounds.

The first bale in Monroe was sold there Wednesday by Mr. John A. Arant, of Chesterfield, for 10.55.

It will be observed that Lancaster is considerably ahead of neighboring towns in first-bale prices.

The residence of Mr. T. C. Faley in Chester was struck by lightning Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. J. W. Jones, of the Mooresville, N. C., circuit, was bitten by a copperhead snake last Saturday night. He was spending the night with a friend, and getting up to raise a window shade, was bitten on the heel by the snake, which was later found coiled up in a corner of the fire place. A physician was promptly summoned. The parson is recovering.